

Public Law 95-21
95th Congress

An Act

Apr. 18, 1977
[H.R.5717]

To provide for relief and rehabilitation assistance to the victims of the recent earthquakes in Romania.

Romanian
earthquake
victims.
Relief and
rehabilitation
assistance.

22 USC 2292.
22 USC 2292j.

Appropriation
authorization.

22 USC 2292.

Report to
congressional
committees and
Speaker of the
House.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 9 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (as amended) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"SEC. 495D. ROMANIAN RELIEF AND REHABILITATION.—(a) The Congress, recognizing that prompt United States assistance is necessary to alleviate the human suffering arising from recent earthquakes in Romania, authorizes the President to furnish assistance, on such terms and conditions as he may determine, for the relief and rehabilitation of refugees and other earthquake victims in Romania.

"(b) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the President for the fiscal year 1977, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes, not to exceed \$20,000,000, which amount is authorized to remain available until expended.

"(c) Assistance under this section shall be provided in accordance with the policies and general authority contained in section 491.

"(d) Obligations incurred prior to the date of enactment of this section against other appropriations or accounts for the purpose of providing relief and rehabilitation assistance to the people of Romania may be charged to the appropriations authorized under this section.

"(e) Not later than sixty days after the date of enactment of appropriations to carry out this section, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, the President shall transmit reports to the Committees on Foreign Relations and Appropriations of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the programing and obligation of funds under this section.

"(f) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as endorsing any measure undertaken by the Government of Romania which would suppress human rights as defined in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (Helsinki) Final Act and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, or as constituting a precedent for or commitment to provide United States development assistance to Romania, and the Romanian Government shall be so notified when aid is furnished under this section."

Approved April 18, 1977.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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Apr. 6, considered and passed Senate.